REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Requirement for Restriction mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 10, 2004, in connection with the captioned application in which claims 1-79 are pending; claims 1, 60 and 74 are independent.

By this Response, Applicants have corrected informalities noted in the specification, including the addition and correction of headings.

In the Requirement for Restriction, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims drawn to 13 patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, namely species A, as shown by Figure 1; species B, as shown by Figure 2; species C, as shown by Figure 3; species D, as shown by Figure 4; species E, as shown by Figure 5; species F, as shown by Figure 6a; species G, as shown by Figure 6b; species H, as shown by Figure 6c; species I, as shown by Figure 7; species J, as shown by Figure 8; species K, as shown by Figure 9; species L, as shown by Figure 10; and species M, as shown by Figure 11. Applicants have been required to elect a single disclosed species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner stated that currently no claims are generic.

Applicants elect species A, without traverse. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 16-23, 26-29, 31-34, 41, 60, 62-64, and 67-72 are readable on the elected species.

With this amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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